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SHORTFALL IN HYDRO POWER GENERATION
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a huge shortfall in achieving capacity addition targets of National Hydro-electric Power Corporation (NHPC);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of power projects of NHPC under construction along with their target date of completion;

(d) the reasons for delay in completion, if any; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government for time bound construction of NHPC power projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) & (b) : As per investment approval by the Government, the target for capacity addition by National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Limited (NHPC) during the 10th Five Year Plan (2002-07), was 2480 MW including the Indira Sagar Hydroelectric Project (1000 MW) of Narmada Hydroelectric Development Corporation Ltd. (NHDC) [A Joint Venture of NHPC and the Government of Madhya Pradesh]. The capacity addition achieved till date is 1580 MW including 1000 MW from the Indira Sagar Hydroelectric Project of NHDC. Details are given in Annexure-I.

(c) & (d) : NHPC presently has 11 hydro projects under construction with a total capacity of 5623 MW including the 520 MW Omkareshwar HEP of NHDC. Details of the power projects of NHPC under construction along with their target date of completion and reasons for delay are given in Annexure-II.

(e) : The steps being taken by the Government to ensure time bound completion of projects by NHPC inter alia include:

- Regular review meetings at Project level and Corporate Office level.

- Regular co-ordination meetings at Corporate level by Chairman & Managing Director, NHPC with all Head of Projects/ Departments.

- Regular progress review at Board level and in Ministry of Power for resolving major bottlenecks

- Quarterly Performance Review meetings in the Ministry of Power.

- Monitoring at the highest level by Ministry of Power/Central Electricity Authority/ Ministry of Programme Implementation/ Planning Commission in respect of mega & major projects for resolving matters related to Government/Inter-ministerial issues.